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Music Director: Chellan Hoffman **Knox United Choir**
Cantors: Pete Dennis, Karen Harrison **Reader:** Holly Smith

*We extend a warm welcome to our Knox community – to those who are tuning in to the livestream service from home or away, and to those who are gathered in our sanctuary.
You are all an integral part of this community. Thank you for being here.*

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We acknowledge that we live, work, play and worship on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani), the TsuuT'ina, the Stoney Nakoda Nations (Bears paw, Chiniki, and Wesley), the Métis Nation (Region 3), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

All are welcome in our faith community, regardless of age, colour, ethnic, religious or linguistic background, gender, gender identity, social or economic circumstances, sexual orientation and physical or mental capabilities. Knox has been a proud member of Affirm United since 2007.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE Morning Has Broken/Holy, Holy, Holy arr. Paul Tate

WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

***HYMN “Here in This Place” (Gather Us In) - see insert**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather today, seeking a community where we might belong.

All: Gather us in - seekers, doubters and those with answers.

One: We gather today, some of us feeling lost.

All: Help us find comfort and a sense of belonging.

One: We gather today, some feeling cut off and disconnected.

All: Gather us together, remind us of your wide embrace.

Let us pray.

God of reconciliation and embrace, we come this morning seeking community. We come this morning wanting to know we are not alone. Remind us of your love, your care, your reconciling love. You who search for the lost coin, the lost sheep and welcome your child home with open arms, open your arms to us today. Help us to know your love that never ends. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ, be with you.

And also with you. Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

Dance with the Spirit



Dance with the spi - rit ear - ly in the morn - ing, —



Walk with the spi - rit through - out the long day. **Work and hope** for a



new life a - born - in'; **Lis - ten** to the spir - it to show you the way.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:4-32

REFLECTION “Lost and Found” Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis
**series based on “Short Stories by Jesus” by Amy-Jill Levine*

***HYMN “A Place at the Table” - see insert**

HOLY COMMUNION (communion setting by Mark A. Miller)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your child, Jesus Christ.

We remember that it was around a table that Jesus gathered his disciples during his last week of life. Jesus reminded them of the work that he had done – how he had fed the hungry, included the outcast, challenged the status quo. He reminded them that God’s vision was about forgiveness and loving our neighbours as ourselves – encountering each person as God’s very own.

And, as they sat and ate and remembered, Jesus took the bread that they were eating – and he gave thanks, he broke the bread, gave it to everyone gathered

around the Table, and said, “take and eat – this is my body, broken for you. Whenever you eat of this bread, remember me.”

And then he took the wine that they were drinking – and he gave thanks for the wine, gave it to those gathered around the Table and said, “this is my cup – poured out for you - whenever you drink this, remember that you are loved and you are forgiven.”

As we remember and give thanks, we pray we might also join God’s work of reconciliation and forgiveness, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here today, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us signs of God’s love and forgiveness. Transform our lives that we may also be a sign of that love and forgiveness in our homes, in our neighbourhoods, and in the world.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

And now, with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray...

LORD’S PRAYER - sung (*purple music sheets available in pews*)

***Cantor: Heavenly Father, All: Heavenly Father,
Cantor: Heavenly Mother, All: Heavenly Mother,***

**(ALL) Holy and blest is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one,
Let heaven and earth become one.**

**Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.**

**Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days.**

**Come swiftly, Mother, Father, come;
Come swiftly, Mother, Father come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy,
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy.
Forever your name is all in one; Forever your name is all in one.**

A — men, A — men, A — men.

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The cup of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Holy Communion, Candlelighting and Offering

All are invited to come forward to receive the bread and juice. Bread will be offered and then you are invited to dip the bread into the cup, and receive the elements together. Individual packets of juice and wafer are also available as a gluten-free option.

You are invited to light a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Candles are lit as a symbol of remembrance, celebration, gratitude, prayer. Please take this opportunity to make an offering online or in person at the candle table. Your financial support makes a huge difference in the future of Knox.

Music: Feather Theme (from “Forrest Gump”) Alan Silvestri

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

**For the bread we have eaten,
For the cup we have shared,
For the prayers we have prayed,
For the strength we have received,
We give thanks.
May we go into the world in the strength of these gifts. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator” VU 312**

***BLESSING**

POSTLUDE Finale Jubilante Healey Willan

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***Thank you for spending time in community worship at Knox United Church, Calgary.
May you feel God’s peace, care, energy, and blessing
within you and around you this coming week.***

Please stay for coffee, tea, and conversation!

Thank You to Knox staff & volunteers:

Sheena Trotter-Dennis (minister)
Sue Forsyth (office administrator)
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MUSIC NEWS

Upcoming Sundays: Special Themes and Guest Musicians

June 11 Kirkin’ of the Tartans - The St. Andrew-Caledonian Pipers and Choir, under the direction of Robert Henderson, come to Knox to celebrate “Kirkin’ of the Tartans” - which is a North American tradition of **blessing the tartans**. A tartan is a plaid cloth of distinct colours and patterns that denote a particular Scottish clan). This service will include a blessing and celebration of all families and cultures.

June 18 Celebrating **Neighbour Day** (June 17) and commemorating the **10th Anniversary of the 2013 Calgary Flood**, the **Knox ReBell Ringers** play “Where Everybody Knows Your Name” - theme from *Cheers*; and members of the **Knox Presbyterian Choir** join Knox to sing “We Will Be a Shelter” and “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”.

July 9 and 16 Stampede Time! Only in Calgary do we have an extra **liturgical season called Stampede Sunday 1 and Stampede Sunday 2**. Join us for some **fun gospel music** on both of these Sundays. Donning cowboy hats and western wear is highly encouraged! If you have any favourite old-time hymns you’d like to sing on these dates, let our music director know. choffman@kxcalgary.com

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Please see below for a longer description of some of these events.

Sunday, June 4 @ 11:45 pm

Luncheon: Bratwurst and Desserts

Garden

Wednesday, June 7 @ 12:30 pm

Worship: Connection and Reflection

Labyrinth

Welcome, Keith Murray, VST Intern

Knox United welcomes **Keith Murray, a student in their final year as an MDiv Student at Vancouver School of Theology; a candidate for ordained ministry in the United Church.** Some of you may know Keith from their affirming and social justice leadership at Hillhurst United Church, or through the Calgary Network of Affirming Faith communities and their Chinook Winds Regional work. Keith is an artist called to ministry, and a minister called to creativity! Keith believes: “we were made in the image of the creator, created to co-create!” Keith is descendant of settlers to Calgary, here in Treaty 7, and is committed to building righteous relationships with all peoples. A non-binary person, Keith uses they/them pronouns, but will answer to anything said respectfully—or sassily! Keith, has spent a life dedicated to community healing and transformation at the confluence of spirituality, social justice, and the arts, and is thrilled to bring their gifts to the creative, curious and justice-seeking community of Knox. Keith will be here through the Summer and into the Fall. Welcome, Keith!

Making Sacred Connections: Worship

WEEKLY Connection and Reflection (Wednesday Worship):

12:30-1:30 pm, Labyrinth Room Join us for a time of reflection and conversation. Held in the beautiful Labyrinth Room, framed with music, readings, and a time for silence and quiet reflection, we will come together to listen, to talk, and to be in community together. All are welcome.

WEEKLY New Sermon Series: Short Stories by Jesus Starting June 4, for six weeks, our themes and reflections will draw heavily from scholar Amy-Jill Levine and her book, “Short Stories by Jesus.” Amy-Jill Levine is Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace. Each week we will look at a different parable (stories Jesus told to make a point) and what it might be inviting us into today.

NEEDED Scripture Readers and Land Acknowledgement We are looking for a cross-section of people from across our congregation to read scripture on Sunday mornings and to do our land acknowledgement. No previous experience is necessary - all readings are assigned ahead of time.

Making Sacred Connections: Building Community

TODAY! Bratwurst Luncheon, June 4, 11:45 am in the Garden Everyone is invited to stay after the worship service and enjoy lunch in the garden. You are invited to bring a dessert to share.

MONTHLY Discover Knox Our monthly informational tour will be on June 25 following the Sunday morning worship service. All are invited to take a behind-the-scenes tour of some of the building and hear more about the Knox community.

NEEDED Opening up the Sanctuary - Volunteers Needed We want to rebuild our presence as a church in downtown Calgary by opening the sanctuary and labyrinth for those seeking a quiet space during the week. We're looking for volunteer hosts who can open the 6th Avenue doors and stay to greet visitors for a couple of hours (schedule TBD). We're initially targeting Tuesday at lunchtime but would appreciate volunteer hosts any weekday between 10 am and 2 pm. This is an important and rewarding way to engage in the life and work of our church. If you would like to inquire about this project, contact Doug Chandler (dchandler1@shaw.ca) or email the church office (office@kxcalgary.com).

NEEDED Garage Sale - Jewels for Jesus We are having a fundraising garage sale so are looking for donations. Please bring your donations to the church and leave them outside the office and we will store them until we are ready to set a date.

Making Sacred Connections: Learning and Growing Together

NEEDED Participants for Healing Touch - Resurrecting our Healing Ministry

Knox Healing Ministry had been active here for over 20 years, but was stopped by the pandemic. At times in the past, we have had more than 10 members offering healing sessions and giving treatments to the congregation and others. There has been renewed interest in resurrecting our healing ministry. **What happens during a healing session?** In theory, a healing practitioner uses various techniques to clear or otherwise affect the energy field of the recipient. A description which reflects the spiritual experience, voiced many years ago by Gladys Lane, is that it is like "being inside a prayer".

In order to begin again, **we need to know the answer to these two questions:**

(a) Would you like to receive a healing session?

(b) Would you be interested in attending a weekend course to learn the basics of energetic healing, the point of entry to being a member of our healing team.

Please contact Elizabeth Campbell or Ricardo Moraes-Pinto through Sue at sforsyth@kxcalgary.com.

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